

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Seth Berglee, on January 9, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)  
Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 31, 1/6/2017; HB 32, 1/6/2017; HB 33, 1/6/2017

**HEARING ON HB 31, 32 AND 33****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:12 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 31, 32 and 33, Revise school funding related to special education.

**EXHIBIT(edh06a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:52 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

**EXHIBIT(edh06a02)**

00:23:36 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA)

00:26:57 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

00:29:41 Verne Beffert, Montana Council of Administrators of Special Education (MCASE)

00:35:10 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:36:15 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:37:18 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:38:11 Frank Podobnik, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:38:43 Rep. Essmann

00:39:23 Dennis Parman, MREA

00:39:49 Rep. Essmann

00:40:10 Dennis Parman, MREA

00:40:42 Rep. Greef

00:42:15 Bob Vogel, MSBA

00:44:24 Rep. Staffanson

00:45:00 Dennis Parman, MREA

00:45:41 Rep. Beard

00:46:08 Verne Beffert, MCASE

00:46:33 Rep. Beard

00:46:47 Verne Beffert, MCASE

00:48:15 Rep. Vinton

00:48:39 Rep. Kelker

00:48:55 Rep. Vinton

00:49:09 Rep. Kelker

00:49:45 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

00:50:10 Rep. Kelker

00:50:53 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

00:51:14 Rep. Kelker

00:52:23 Rep. Vinton

00:52:55 Rep. Kelker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:54:08 Rep. Kelker

00:56:58 Recess

01:15:51 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 37**01:16:01 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 37 DO PASS.**01:16:19 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 37 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(edh06a03\)](#)**Discussion:**

01:16:40 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:18:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.01:18:44 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 37 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(edh06a04\)](#)**Discussion:**

01:18:59 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

01:19:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.01:19:58 **Motion:** Rep. Schreiner moved that **HB 37 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(edh06a05\)](#)**Discussion:**

01:20:14 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

01:20:57 Rep. Schreiner

01:22:18 Rep. P. Webb

01:22:43 Rep. Schreiner

01:23:28 Rep. Essmann

01:23:56 Rep. B. Bennett

01:24:31 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

01:25:02 Rep. B. Bennett

01:25:34 Rep. Vinton

01:25:54 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

01:26:48 Chair Berglee

01:27:36 Rep. Schreiner

01:28:17 Chair Berglee

01:28:32 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Greef, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting aye.

01:29:53      **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 37 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:30:26      Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

01:31:06      **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 113**

01:31:41      **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 113 DO PASS.**

01:31:59      **Motion:** Rep. Schreiner moved that **HB 113 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh06a06)

**Discussion:**

01:32:11      Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

01:32:44      Rep. Schreiner

01:33:38      Rep. Greef

01:34:22      Rep. Webber

01:36:20      Chair Berglee

01:36:34      **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Greef, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting aye.

01:37:44      **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:38:45

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([edh06aad.pdf](#))